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for Manzek Land Company Town of Rush Susquehanna County Pennsylvania

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I have walked through the one hundred and five acre parcel of land located in Rush Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Approximately ninety of this property are forested.

General observations:

Approximately forty five (45) of the forested acreage is merchantable hardwood timber. There is also twenty five (25) acres of pine and hemlock timber. The balance of the wooded acreage is in hardwood and softwood poletimber (20 acres). The aspect slopes primarily to the west and is moderate. The soils groups represented are Lordstown, Oquaga, Bath and Lackawanna.

Specific observations:

The harvestable hardwood timber stand is located along the eastern boundary of the property. The forest type is northern hardwood. The primary species is Sugar Maple. Red Maple, White Ash, and Black Cherry were observed. All species were very good in quality.

The pine and hemlock stand begins along the stream on the north section of the property and extends easterly up the slope. The quality is average.

The poletimber stand is a mix of hardwood and softwood trees that are 15-20 years away from commercial diameter. However, a thinning will greatly improve the growth and quality of the stand of trees. It is located south of the softwood stand along the stream and extends up the hill.

Summary:

The hardwood timber stand can be harvested at any time. Total value is approximately \$45,000 - \$50,000 range. A managed harvest would attain approximately 50% of the total value.

The softwood stand's value is approximately \$5,000.00

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Moore